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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attn: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Members of the PSC:

I am protesting the most recent rate hike request by SCE&G - an exorbitant amount of almost ten per cent! This is on top of the already approved and current 2.5% increase each year for the next ten years to pay for a nuclear plant.

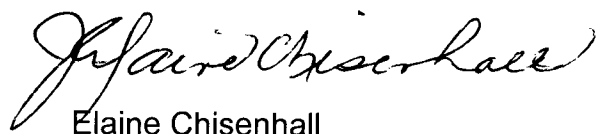
This is appalling news when the economy is depressed. These increases will seriously impact the household budget of every SCE&G customer. It is unfortunate that SCE&G has no competition in Columbia, SC!

Record setting cold spells have already made it expensive to heat my home. I carefully watch the kilowatts I use from month to month, trying to cut down on the costs and keep up with a budget. The fewer kilowatts I use, the more expensive my electric bill becomes - all because of rate increases.

Our retirement incomes, more specifically Social Security, do not increase at this rate, negating our ability to keep up with the rate increases and other costs of living expenses. With a fixed income, I no longer have enough money to pay for SCE&G's rate increase requests.

If you approve this request, you would be compounding the problems for all us on fixed incomes, for those who have jobs but are not receiving wage increases, and worse yet, for those who have no jobs at all.

Respectfully submitted,



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